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LOK SABHA

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR FEMALE SEX WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has formulated any scheme/programme for the welfare of female sex workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of NGOs in Maharashtra which have come forward to work in this field along with the places at which such schemes/programmes are being implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has formulated three Pilot Project Schemes to Combat Trafficking of Women and Children for Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The Scheme provides rescue cost, temporary shelter and repatriation cost and legal expenses. The Scheme for prevention strategies provides components like awareness generation, non-formal education, vocational training and temporary shelter for rehabilitation. The Scheme targets destination areas, source areas and traditional areas. A grant of Rs.6.77 lakhs for prevention strategies in source and traditional areas and Rs.8.23 lakhs for destination areas is provided per year.

(c) 17 applications were received through State Government of Maharashtra, out of which six organizations have been sanctioned funds. They are working at Mumbai, Pune, Parbhani, Nagpur and Nasik in Maharashtra.